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Rennard DAVIS, project coordinator of the NMC's counter-Inaugural demonstrations has advised that in addition to the 100 grandstand seats already purchased by his organization, the NMC is interested in purchasing still more. DAVIS stated that the bleacher areas of interest to NMC are in front of the Justice Department Building and adjacent to the Presidential reviewing stand.

The Norfolk Tent Company reports that they have rented two tents to the NMC for use in Washington during the Inauguration. The tents were due to arrive in Washington on the 16th and are due to be erected on the 17th. Dimensions of the two tents are unknown at this time.

a representative of the GARFIELD organization in Chicago reportedly will attend the Inauguration as a guest of the incoming administration. attended a fund-raising affair last October sponsored by the Black Panther Party. Last March, reportedly purchased two M-1 rifles. The GARFIELD organization was formed in the spring of 1967 for the purpose of improving the political, economic, and physical condition of the GARFIELD area of Chicago.

James E. LOWERY, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at Atlanta, states he plans to attend the Inauguration and that two poor people from Alabama and two from Mississippi will attend the Inaugural Ball. According to the Executive Vice-President of the SCLC, the organization has no plans to participate in the Inaugural activities or demonstrations.

Tickets for the Counter-Inaugural Ball may be purchased in Washington at 1029 Vermont Avenue (Room 600) and at all Variety Record Stores, the Soul Shack, 1221 "G" Street, N. W., at Empire Music, 7815 Old Georgetown Road, and at Discophile, 3219 1/2 "M" Street, N. W.

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The Communist Party, USA in recent days has undoubtedly faced an internal dilemma over whether they should or should not support the Inaugural protest demonstrations. The Party must weigh the risk of stature loss if they strongly support a demonstration which fizzles against the patriarchal image at stake if they don't support a successful effort. Although they have published editorial support of all recent efforts and plans of both the NMC and the SDS in the Daily World on the east coast and the Peoples World in the West, the Party has been guarded in its declaration of physical support on the streets in Washington. The venerable CPUSA would also be naturally reluctant to cooperate closely with the Maoist Progressive Labor Party--Young Socialist Alliance infested SDS. Both vocal and physical support has recently however enimated from New York. The New York State Communist Party Board has voted to support the demonstrations. Further, the King County (New York) Communist Party plans to have buses available to bring its members to Washington on the 19th. No indication of the number of people involved has been reported but it is not believed sizeable.

At a recent meeting at Cleveland, the Ohio SDS made plans to stage anti-war and anti-Nixon skits along the parade route on the 20th.

The Columbia University SDS members are being urged by their leaders to participate in the demonstrations. They plan to form into small groups and attempt some type of confrontation with police on the 19th.

An undated leaflet, recently issued by the New York Regional Office of SDS urges participation in the Inaugural demonstrations. The leaflet points out that the NMC does not speak for SDS and the type of demonstration to be conducted at Washington should be left up to the people who are "running the risk."

Another leaflet has recently been issued by a militant protest group called the Coalition for an Anti-Imperialist Movement. The leaflet proclaims that the Coalition will take part in the Inauguration and will give Nixon the "reception he truly deserves." The leaflet further points out that the militancy of the demonstration does not depend on moderate leaders and that the militant rank and file have a tremendous opportunity to make this demonstration as effective as possible.

Security has been tightened at the D. C. National Guard Armory in the event Mr. Nixon attends the Gala there on the evening of the 19th. The Presidential box has been moved from the main floor to a balcony location. The location was changed by the Gala chairman after consultation with the Secret Service. Adjoining the Presidential box (really several joined together with a seating capacity of fifty-eight) is where Vice-President-Agnew, his wife and his party will be located. The Agnews are definitely expected as are members of the new cabinet and the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Ticket purchasers for this year's gala must give additional information before collecting their tickets. The FBI and/or Secret Service are probably conducting name checks on ticket buyers.

The National Mobilization Committee has been granted a permit to pitch their tent just south of the Sylvan Theatre on a grassy triangle bounded by 15th Street and Maine and Independence Avenues, S. W. Although the NMC believes that their 300-foot by 100-foot tent will seat 10,000 people, the manufacturer says it will only accommodate about 1,500. Most observers think the protester turn out will in fact be closer to 1,500 than 10,000. Many who attend will probably be merely sight-seers, not NMC activists.

The tent which will house the Counter-Inaugural Ball is intended too, to be an assembly and starting point for the Counter-Inaugural March on the 19th. The march will go up 15th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue and down Pennsylvania Avenue to 3rd Street, then down 3rd Street and dispersing at Maryland Avenue. The NMC had originally planned (and it was so reported) to terminate the march at the Supreme Court Plaza but abandoned this site when Government negotiator Harry R. VAN CLEVE stated that the



Supreme Court locale might disrupt last-minute preparations at the Capitol.

On the 15th, the NMC purchased 100 grandstand seats in two bleacher sections along the parade route. One 50-seat section was obtained on the west side of 15th Street (\$12 per ticket) and the other on Pennsylvania Avenue between 10th and 11th (\$8 per ticket). Rennard DAVIS, the NMC Inaugural demonstration coordinator, stated that demonstrators will also stand along the parade route, principally near the seated NMC'ers and on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue near 12th Street. Demonstrators will bear green "Peace" pennants. DAVIS stated at a press interview on the 16th that no disruption of the Inauguration is planned.

The NMC expects that 20 to 25 churches will assist in housing the out-of-towners. A large number have already been lined up. Housing and program information will be available at NMC headquarters (one of several), 1029 Vermont Avenue, Phone: 202-347-9600.

In a recent editorial published in the Guardian, an independent, left radical, widely circulated, highly literate newspaper, the prediction is made that the NMC Inaugural demonstration will not succeed. Although the Guardian does not oppose the anti-war mobilization plans for Washington the editorial states that changes since 1965 render a radical-liberal coalition no longer useful. There is a strong possibility reflects the editorial that the "Inauguration protest may turn out to be a dismal and demoralizing failure."

On January 15, the NMC held a press conference at the Willard. Of interest and not previously reported was a statement by Carl RODGERS, Inaugural Project Director for Servicemen Activities that the protest march on January 19 would be led by 100 Servicemen. They probably will not be in uniform but will wear something to identify them as Servicemen. They come from Fort Jackson, Fort Gordon, Norfolk, Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, and Andrews Air Force Base. Not mentioned at this press conference but previously noted was NMC recruitment efforts at Fort Myer, Fort Meade, Fort Eustis, Fort Devens, Fort Dix, Fort Lee, Fort Breckinridge, Fort McPherson, and Fort McClellan.

On January 16, a bazarre, long-haired group representing the Youth International Party (YIPPIES) held an outdoor news

conference and introduced "Mrs. Pig" the mate of the hog the YIPPIES will in-HOG-urate as a gesture of contempt. The YIPPIE ceremony is scheduled for Sunday the 19th. According to a spokesman for the organization (identified only as Super Joel YIPPIE) the group will have their final "thing" at National Airport Monday night. Accompanied by a life and drum corps which played and sang "Hail to the Pig," during the news conference, Super Joel punctuated his remarks with four-letter words. The conference was under the aegis of the Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell (WITCH) an obvious figment of the contemptuous YIPPIE imagination.

SOURCE: Government and news media

RELIABILITY: Probably true

The following transportation data concerning groups planning to participate in counter-insauguration demonstrations in Washington alters and updates information contained in the previous Situation Information Report. Asterisks indicate confirmed data.

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Date of Depart from City of Origin	Date of Departure From D.C.	Point of Origin	Number of Buses	Number of Cars	Number of Persons	Sponsoring Organizations
18	20	*Durham, N.C. Duke Univ.		2	6	SSOC
18	20	*Chapel Hill, N.C. Univ. of N.C.		2	4	YSA
19	19	*Baltimore, Md.	1		50	BDC
19	19	Baltimore, Md.		10	50	BDC
17		*Kent, Ohio Kent St. Univ.		4	19	SDS
18/19	19/20	*New York City, N.Y.	18	1	890	IMC
17		*Atlanta, Georgia	1		38	IMC
18		Atlanta, Georgia	1		38	IMC
15		*Charlotte, N.C. Davidson College		1	2	SSOC
19	19	Utica, N.Y.	1		50	UPC (Utica Peace Center)
18	20	New York City, N.Y.	18		882	5th Avenue Peace Parade Comm.

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